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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Application of:

LEE RAMAGE, ALAN B. MACDONALD
and RORY D. PARKER

Serial No. : 09/803,227
Filed : March 9, 2001
For : FLUID LOADING SYSTEM

Group Art Unit 3644
Examiner: J. Woodrow Eldred

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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**FIRST REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
FOR RESPONDING TO THE OFFICE ACTION
DATED OCTOBER 23, 2002**

It is respectfully requested that the period for responding to the Office action dated October 23, 2002 now set to expire on January 23, 2002 be extended an additional one (1) month so as to expire on February 23, 2003 making a total response time of only four (4) months.


Please charge the one-month extension fee of \$55.00 to our Deposit Account No. 11-1540.

A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

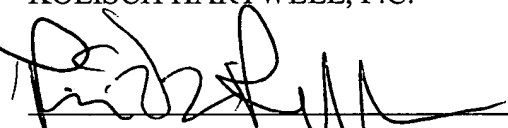
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